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HUNAN ISSUES DIRECTIVE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF VILLAGE PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENTS

The Hunan Provincial People's government recently issued a directive for the establishment of village people's governments. A summary of the directive follows:

- 1. The pao-chia system will be abolished and a village people's government shall be formally established.
- 2. Until the calling of the people's delegates conferences, the farmers' delegates conferences, represented by the laborers, soldiers, poor intelligentsia, and progressive elementary school teachers, will be empowered to set up a system of electing the members of the people's government council.
- 3. To prevent destructive elements from being elected and from impeding democratic practices, the following regulations will govern the establishment of the village people's governments:
- a. The committee of the farmers' delegates conference or the council of the village people's government shall be elected every 6 months. If more than one half of the members of the committee or council are found to be unqualified, a higher level people's government shall call for a new election.
- b. The farmers' delegates conference shall be empowered to dismiss any member of the government council. No more than one third of the council may be dismissed, however, without calling another election.
- c. Members elected to the government council must be approved by a higher level people's government who will be authorized to remove or replace the elected members.
- 4. The village shall be the lowest political unit which may hold an election. Units smaller than a village shall be authorized to send a chief delegate to represent themselves at the village people's government. Villages shall be required to adopt a place name or proper name and will be forbidden to adopt numerical designation.
- 5. The number of delegates to the farmers' delegates conferences shall be based on the population, one delegate being elected for every 30 to 70 people. At least

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10 percent of the delegates must be women. The delegates to these conferences must be: farmers who cultivate their own land; politically reliable, and honest and willing to work for the cause of the peasants.

- 6. A government council shall be set up by the village people's governments. These councils shall be empowered to form committees, such as finance, production, nationalities, etc. The chairmen of these committees shall be members of the government council, while the members of the committees shall be made up of members of the farmers' delegates conference.
- 7. Every effect must be made to complete the establishment of the village people's governments in Hunan by August 1950. To fulfill this goal, it is essential that the activities of the villages be coordinated and guidance be given by proper authorities.

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